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[*on the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/72/446)*]

72/79. Consideration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2453 A (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 37/90 of 10 December 1982, 54/68 of 6 December 1999 and 59/2 of 20 October 2004,

Recognizing the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE+50), to be commemorated in 2018, as an opportunity to consider the current status of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and to chart its future contribution to the global governance of outer space activities,[1]

Taking note with satisfaction of the work of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies and the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat towards the implementation of the seven thematic priorities of UNISPACE+50, including the related objectives and mechanisms, agreed by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session,[2]

Emphasizing the significance of the high-level segment of UNISPACE+50, to be held on 20 and 21 June 2018 during the sixty-first session of the Committee, which will be open to all States Members of the United Nations and at which concrete deliverables and outcomes are to be concluded for presentation to the General Assembly in the form of a resolution to be considered at its seventy-third session, including on the "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan for strengthening the contribution of space activities and space tools to the achievement of the global agendas addressing long-term development concerns of humankind based on the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,[3]

[1] See A/AC.105/L.297 and A/AC.105/1137.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/71/20), para. 296.

[3] Ibid., *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/72/20), paras. 321–324.

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Convinced that UNISPACE+50 offers a unique opportunity for Member States to reflect on more than 50 years of achievement in space exploration and to look towards the future by strengthening the mandates of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies and the Office as unique platforms for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space,

1. *Decides* to consider in plenary meeting at its seventy-third session an agenda item entitled "Space as a driver of sustainable development" in the context of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE+50);

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to submit a draft resolution on the outcomes of UNISPACE+50 for the consideration of the General Assembly, in plenary meeting, at its seventy-third session;

3. *Decides* that the plenary meeting or meetings shall be held immediately after the consideration by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the agenda item on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space;

4. *Endorses* the decisions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space relating to the preparations for UNISPACE+50, including the holding of intersessional consultations from 7 to 11 May 2018, open to all States Members of the United Nations.[4]

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[4] Ibid., paras. 324 and 328.